

# ATTENTION

## TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE (TA) HOUSEHOLDS

State rules require that Temporary Assistance (TA) be used for the benefit of the child or children.

These items **MAY** be bought with your TA benefits:

- ✓ Food
- ✓ Medicine
- ✓ Utilities (electric, gas, water, etc)
- ✓ Personal care items (shampoo, soap, etc)
- ✓ Activities for the child or children
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Rent
- ✓ Household cleaning supplies
- ✓ School supplies for the child or children

These items **MAY NOT** be bought using your TA benefits. Buying these items with your TA benefits is considered misuse of TA benefits:

- ✗ Beer/Wine
- ✗ Other alcohol/liquor
- ✗ Scratch-off lottery tickets
- ✗ Smokeless tobacco/chew
- ✗ Powerball, Lotto, or other lottery drawing tickets
- ✗ Illegal drugs
- ✗ Cigarettes/cigars
- ✗ Other tobacco items
- ✗ Controlled drugs without a prescription from a licensed health care provider

Under Federal and State laws TA benefits **CANNOT** be used in:

- ✗ Liquor stores (where the primary items sold are alcohol);
- ✗ Casinos, gambling casinos and gaming establishments (including bingo halls);
- ✗ Adult-oriented entertainment businesses where performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment (strip clubs, gentleman's clubs, etc); and

State law adds:

- ✗ or in any places or for any items that are primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and/or are not in the best interest of the child or household.

Using your TA benefits in any of these locations or for these items is considered a misuse of TA benefits.

The Family Support Division (FSD) reviews TA Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) purchases. A misuse of TA benefits may result in the FSD choosing an alternate payee to receive and use your household's TA benefits for the needs of your child or children.